



# Homegrown Minneapolis

## Homegrown Minneapolis – December 12, Update

### Time to Weigh in on Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Urban Ag Activity Plan!

#### Two important listening sessions

Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 5:15-7:15pm at [Hope Community](#)

Thursday, December 19, 2013, 7-8:30pm at [St. Olaf Community Campus](#)

The park system has developed a draft plan to better support the community's diverse activities and interest in urban agriculture. The plan was developed through an extensive community engagement process and contains recommendations related to policy, facility, program, and service improvements. Goals and strategies within the plan guide allocation of resources and provide evaluation measures to determine if these strategies can be sustainability delivered to residents and park users.

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#### Project Phase

A draft of the MPRB Urban Agriculture activity plan is available for public review and comment between **November 6, 2013 and December 31, 2013**. The Park Board encourages residents and park users to review the plan and provide feedback.

- [Draft Urban Agriculture Activity Plan](#)

You can provide comments or feedback through a variety of methods:

- [Respond to a survey by December 31, 2013](#)
- [Submit general comments here by December 31, 2013](#)
- **Attend an Open House:** November 19, 5:30 - 8 pm [MPRB Headquarters](#)
- **Attend a Listening Session:**
  - December 11, 2013, 7 - 9 pm [NE Community Lutheran Church](#)
  - Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 5:15-7:15pm at [Hope Community](#)
  - Thursday, December 19, 2013, 7-8:30pm at [St. Olaf Community Campus](#)

Written comments can be mailed or emailed to:



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Email: [feedback@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:feedback@minneapolisparks.org)

All comments received are public record and will be considered for incorporation into the final plan for Board consideration and adoption in early 2014.

#### Contact Information

Contact Ginger Cannon, MPRB Planning at 612-230-6413 or [feedback@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:feedback@minneapolisparks.org)

#### New Group Forms Supporting Goats in the City

Minneapolis Alliance for Goats (<https://www.facebook.com/MplsAlliance4Goats>) was formed earlier this year to revive the discussion of the benefits for raising goats in our communities. Many other major cities across the country have already initiated these conversations and places like San Francisco, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Denver, and even St. Paul are allowing goats back into the city--with reasonable regulations in place, of course. In fact, our neighbor, Saint Paul, already has several residents who have permits for goats.

You are invited to join the conversation, and to encourage you reach out if you have any questions or interest in the matter. The Minneapolis Alliance for Goats, is hosting an informal meet-up next Thursday, December 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the community room of Common Roots and are extending an invitation to all residents of the city to stop by to find out more and meet other goat enthusiasts.

***We need to grow the local food movement! Forward this newsletter to your friends or post the link to Homegrown Minneapolis on Facebook.***

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/homegrown>

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